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**Baker-Polito Administration Announces 2018 Community Tax
Credit Awards**

\$5.9 million in awards will enable 48 organizations to increase private investment and provide more services to Massachusetts residents

BOSTON, MA – April 3, 2018 – Today, the Baker-Polito Administration announced \$5.9 million in tax credit allocations to 46 Community Development Corporations (CDCs) and two Community Service Organizations (CSOs) through the state’s Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) program.

The CITC program provides eligible CDCs and CSOs with a tool to leverage support from stakeholders and local residents to increase fundraising efforts and expand organizational capacity. These organizations partner with nonprofit, public, and private entities to improve economic opportunities for low and moderate-income households and communities. Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded more than \$22 through the CITC program, and during this time, the CITC program has generated over \$34.5 million in private investments across the Commonwealth.

“Community Development Corporations undertake important work in our communities by supporting affordable housing, community development, and critical services for residents,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “We are proud to work with these organizations to ensure all Massachusetts residents have access to affordable housing and safe neighborhoods.”

“The Community Investment Tax Credit Program is a unique tool to encourage private investment,” **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. “From instituting new lead paint programming in Central Massachusetts, to bringing on a full-time community planner in Boston’s Chinatown, our CDCs have leveraged significant funding to bring impactful programming to communities across the Commonwealth.”

Lt. Governor Polito announced the awards at an event at Hibernian Hall in Roxbury, hosted by Madison Park Development Corporation (MPDC). [Earlier this year, the Baker-Polito Administration announced a \\$725,000 MassWorks Infrastructure Program](#) award to support MPDC’s development of the Madison Melnea Cass Apartments, which will create 76 units of mixed-income housing, including 33 deeply affordable units. Additionally, the project is one component of the extensive reconstruction of Whittier Street Apartments, a collaboration between MPDC, Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH), the City of Boston, and the Boston Housing Authority. In 2016, HUD awarded a \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Initiative grant to support the full revitalization of the site, which currently houses 200 families, and the surrounding neighborhood.

“Through the CITC program, CDCs have been able to employ more staff, reach communities more effectively, and pursue new programming to the benefit of Massachusetts communities,” **said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash.** “CDCs help families find homes, connect residents to jobs, grow small businesses, and bring communities together in rural, urban, and suburban areas.”

"Affordable housing and community investments are a top priority for my administration, and these new funds will make an impact on housing and community programming here in Boston," **said Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh.** "These new funds will provide Boston and cities and towns throughout the region with the extra funds they need to create more affordable housing. I look forward to working with the Baker Administration and our partner cities and towns across the region to continue creating new homes and programs that will benefit Boston residents."

“We’re pleased to receive an allocation of CITC and host this important announcement with Lt. Governor Polito,” **said MPDC CEO Jeanne Pinado.** “The CITC program allowed us to expand community building and engagement programs, in particular, MPDC’s signature youth development initiatives, which have expanded their capacity. CITC helped build a flourishing arts program at Hibernian Hall and secure a major donor to fund the operations for the Dewitt Center, our new community center opening in May 2018.”

“It is truly exciting to see what happens when banks, hospitals and individuals work together to make their communities a better place to live,” **said Joe Kriesberg, President of the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations.** “Today, because of their collective belief and investment in their local community development corporations, millions of Massachusetts residents, regardless of their socio-economic status in life, will see demonstrative improvements to their neighborhoods and share in the benefits of Massachusetts’ success. For those unable to participate in the CITC for this year’s tax filing, be sure to visit the MACDC website to learn about how you can get involved next year.”

“The development of affordable Housing is critical to continued economic growth of the Commonwealth,” **said Senator Joseph Boncore.** “These CITC awards are key investment in local CDCs that understand their communities unique needs for affordable housing.”

The CITC program awards up to \$150,000 in credit allocations to certified CDCs. CDCs apply for tax credits to support fundraising for the development and implementation of their community investment plan from the CITC program. Individuals, corporations, and other entities that make a cash contribution resulting in a qualified investment to an awarded CDC will earn tax credits equal to fifty percent of the total qualified investment made by the taxpayer. CDCs were awarded credits based on the CDC’s demonstrated progress implementing its CIP and past utilization of previous credit allocations.

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2018 CITC Award Winners:

ACT Lawrence: \$50,000

Allston Brighton CDC: \$150,000

Asian CDC: \$150,000

CDC Southern Berkshire: \$100,000

Coalition for a Better Acre: \$70,000

Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp.: \$150,000

Community Development Partnership: \$150,000

Community Teamwork: \$119,465
Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp.: \$150,000
Fenway CDC: \$150,000
Franklin County CDC: \$150,000
Harborlight Community Partners: \$150,000
Hilltown CDC: \$150,000
Housing Assistance Corp. Cape Cod: \$150,000
Housing Corp. of Arlington: \$150,000
Housing Nantucket: \$150,000
Housing Solutions Southeastern MA: \$70,000
IBA: \$70,000
Island Housing Trust: \$150,000
JPNDC: \$150,000
Just-A-Start: \$125,000
Lawrence Community Works: \$150,000
Lena Park: \$50,000
LISC Boston: \$119,465
MACDC: \$150,000
Madison Park CDC: \$150,000
Main South CDC: \$125,000
Metro West CDC: \$61,605
Mill Cities: \$50,000
NeighborWorks Southern MA: \$119,465
New Vue Communities: \$150,000
NOAH: \$150,000
North Shore CDC: \$119,465
Nuestra Comunidad: \$150,000
Oak Hill CDC: \$119,465
Quaboag CDC: \$119,465
SMOC: \$150,000
Somerville CDC: \$150,000
South Boston Neighborhood Development Corp.: \$61,605
Southwest Boston CDC: \$50,000
Springfield NHS: \$50,000
The Neighborhood Developers: \$150,000
Urban Edge: \$150,000
Valley CDC: \$150,000
WATCH: \$150,000
Way Finders: \$150,000
WHALE: \$150,000
Worcester Common Ground: \$50,000